

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 21, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 390, 3/15/2017; SB 60, 3/15/2017; SB 63, 3/15/2017

00:01:00 Vice Chair Brodehl assumed the Chair

### **HEARING ON HB 390**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:48 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 390, Generally revise school funding laws.

00:02:21 Rep. Lynch joined the meeting

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:48 Siri Smillie, Governor's Office (GOV)  
00:05:42 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
00:07:41 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
00:08:55 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)  
00:09:55 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana  
00:11:21 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting  
00:11:51 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT  
00:12:04 John Bemis, Century Link

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:13:46 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:04 Rep. Burnett  
00:14:29 Dennis Parman, MREA  
00:15:01 Jeff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
00:15:41 Rep. Burnett  
00:17:45 Jeff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
00:17:53 Chair Brodehl  
00:18:03 Jeff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:50 Rep. Jones

### **HEARING ON SB 60**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:49 Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 60, Generally revise criminal justice laws.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:47 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:25:53 Pat Schlauch, Department of Corrections (COR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:15 Rep. Patelis  
00:27:21 Eric Bryson, MACo  
00:27:52 Rep. Patelis  
00:30:59 Kevin Olson, Department of Corrections (COR)  
00:32:00 Rep. Patelis  
00:32:29 Rep. Tschida  
00:34:42 Sen. Wolken  
00:35:45 Rep. Tschida  
00:36:08 Rep. Patelis  
00:36:45 Pat Schlauch, COR  
00:38:01 Rep. Lynch  
00:39:00 Chair Brodehl  
00:39:23 Eric Bryson, MACo  
00:40:18 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting  
00:40:52 Chair Brodehl  
00:40:57 Eric Bryson, MACo  
00:41:01 Chair Brodehl  
00:41:06 Eric Bryson, MACo  
00:41:20 Chair Brodehl  
00:41:30 Eric Bryson, MACo  
00:42:49 Chair Brodehl

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:59 Sen. Wolken

**HEARING ON SB 63****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:06 Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 63, Revise laws related to supervision of offenders/defendants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:44:59 Eric Bryson, MACo  
00:46:47 Pat Schlauch, COR

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:49:26 Peter Ohman, Public Defender's Office  
00:50:53 Rep. Knokey left the meeting

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:51:56 Rep. Patelis  
00:53:30 Chair Brodehl  
00:53:50 Kevin Olson, COR  
00:54:21 Chair Brodehl

00:57:52 Peter Ohman, Public Defender's Office

00:58:36 Chair Brodehl

00:58:53 Sen. Wolken

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:21 Sen. Wolken

01:00:29 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:01:13 Rep. Cuffe

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:01:35

---

Sherri Row, Secretary

sr

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph58bad.pdf](#))